PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there has been a marked increase in losses through fire, not only across the nation but in this state; and

WHEREAS, these losses, both in terms of lives and money represent a severe drain on the resources of the state; and

whereas, most of these fires were preventable. This undo scores the responsibility of every citizen to exert greater efforts toward the elimination of fire hazards in homes, stores, schools, factories and public buildings; and

WHEREAS, through a united effort to marshal our strength and resources this great loss of life and property can be reduced:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim and designate the week of October 3-9, 1971 to be observed throughout South Dakota as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and urge that special attention be devoted by local authorities, schools and civic organizations to the necessity of exercising greater precaution against fire and the corrections of hazardous conditions conducive to fire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 21st day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

RICHARD F. KHEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE